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### Listing of Claims

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (new) In a communication system including a calling and a called party and a plurality of providers which can provide a plurality of individual additional services or functions for a communication between a calling and a called party, a method for providing one such individual service or function from one of said plurality of providers, said method comprising the steps of:

establishing a communication connection between the calling and called parties;

suspending said connection if one of said calling or called parties needs to add a resource from one of the providers for an additional service or function to be employed for the communication between the parties;

under control of one of the parties, establishing a separate connection to one of the providers to obtain the additional resource;

providing said resource to a control platform which is distinct from the terminals of the parties to the communication, said providing including inserting said resource into said control platform; and

under control of said control platform, making said additional service available to at least one of said parties.

Claim 10 (new) The method in accordance with claim 9 wherein said control platform includes a call model including a Sender\_Consult state, a Sender\_Suspend state, a Receiver\_Consult state and a Receiver\_Suspend state for tracking communications between the calling and called parties during the suspension of said connection between the calling and called parties.

Claim 11 (new) In a communication system including a plurality of subscribers and a plurality of providers which can provide a plurality of individual additional services or functions to said subscribers, a method for providing an individual one of said services or functions from one of said providers while a communication is in progress between two of said subscribers, said method comprising the steps of:

one of said subscribers advising the other of said subscribers of the desire to employ a particular resource for a service or function in connection with the communication between said subscribers and inquiring if said other subscriber has the resource;

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if said other subscriber does not have such a resource, said other subscriber initiating acquisition of the resource from one of the plurality of providers and moving the communication connection between said subscribers to a suspend state;

upon said other subscriber acquiring said resource, sending a message from said other subscriber to said one subscriber advising that the resource has been acquired; and

resuming the communication between said subscribers.

Claim 12 (new) The method in accordance with claim 11 further comprising the step of said one subscriber recommending a particular one of said plurality of providers to said other subscriber.